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4772	11/8/49	New York memo	1	no	(see attached)
4773	11/9/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
4774	11/9/49	Boston teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4775	11/8/49	Boston letter to New York	2	no	(see attached)
4776	11/8/49	News article	1	no	released in full
4777	11/8/49	Boston letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4778		Missing			
4779	11/9/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4780	11/9/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4781	11/10/49	Richmond teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4782	11/10/49	Bureau teletype to Boston	1	yes	
4783	11/8/49	Boston teletype to Seattle	1	no	released in full

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4784	11/10/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
4785	11/10/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	3	yes	
4786	11/10/49	Cincinnati teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4787	11/9/49	Birmingham letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4788	11/10/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4789	11/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
4790	11/14/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4791	11/14/49	Boston teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4792	11/10/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4793	11/10/49	Philadelphia letter to New York	1	yes	
4794	11/10/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4795	11/	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	2	yes	

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4796	11/13/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
4797	11/15/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4798	11/10/49	Bureau letter to New York	1	yes	
4799	11/15/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4800	11/15/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4801	11/15/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
4802	11/15/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
4803	11/15/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
4804	11/14/49	Philadelphia letter to Baltimore	1	no	released in full
4805	11/15/49	Baltimore letter to New York	1	no	released in full
4806	11/16/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4807	11/16/49	Buffalo teletype to Bureau	1	yes	

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4808	11/16/49	New York teletype to Honolulu	1	yes	
4809	11/16/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4810	11/16/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4811	11/16/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4812	11/17/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
4813	11/17/49	Baltimore teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
4814	11/17/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
4815	11/14/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4816	11/15/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4817	11/15/49	Richmond letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4818	11/16/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4819	11/17/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	

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4820	11/17/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4821	11/17/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4822	11/17/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4823	11/17/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
4824	11/17/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
4825	11/17/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4826	11/17/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
4827	11/18/49	New York memo	2	no	released in full
4828	11/18/49	Richmond report to Bureau	6	yes	
4829	11/17/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4830	11/18/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4831	11/17/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	1	yes	

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4832	11/17/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
4833	11/17/49	Newark teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4834	11/18/49	Washington Field Office report to Bureau	3	yes	
4835	11/18/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4836	11/18/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4838	11/18/49	New York teletype to Pittsburgh	1	yes	
4839	11/19/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
4840	11/18/49	New York teletype to Bureau	6	yes	
4841	11/18/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4842	11/19/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4843		Missing			
4844	11/18/49	Philadelphia report to Bureau	11	yes	

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4845	11/18/49	Newark teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4846	11/18/49	New York teletype to Bureau	7	yes	
4847	11/18/49	Baltimore letter to Bureau	2	yes	
4848	11/17/49	New York letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4849		Missing			
4850	11/21/49	Pittsburgh teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4851	11/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau	6	yes	
4852	11/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4853	11/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4854	11/17/49	Letter to New York	1	no	released in full
4854A	11/19/49	Baltimore letter to Bureau	2	yes	
4855	11/22/49	New York letter	1	no	released in full

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4855A	11/19/49	Baltimore letter to Bureau	10	yes	
4856	11/15/49	Denver report to Bureau	71	yes	
4857	11/10/49	New York memo	2	no	released in full
4858	11/21/49	New Haven report to Bureau	2	yes	
4859	11/21/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	2	yes	
4860	11/21/49	New York teletype to Bureau	3	yes	
4861	11/18/49	Seattle letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4862	11/19/49	Buffalo report to Bureau	5	yes	
4863	11/21/49	Washington Field Office letter to New York	1	no	released in full
4864	11/21/49	Bureau lab report to Baltimore	1	yes	
4865	11/22/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4866	11/22/49	New York teletype to Bureau	4	yes	

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4867	11/22/49	New York teletype to Bureau	4	yes	
4868	11/21/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	3	yes	
4869	11/18/49	Philadelphia letter to Bureau	1	yes	
4870	11/22/49	Bureau letter to New York	1	yes	
4871	11/22/49	Bureau letter to New York	1	yes	
4872	11/23/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
4873	11/24/49	New York teletype to Bureau	2	yes	
4874	11/23/49	New York teletype to Bureau	5	yes	
4875	11/23/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4876	11/23/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
4877	11/23/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
4878	11/22/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full

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4879	11/23/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
4880	11/23/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
4881	11/23/49	New York teletype to Bureau	4	yes	
4881A	11/22/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4882	11/16/49	New York memo	1	no	released in full
4882A	11/25/49	St. Louis teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
4883	11/23/49	Baltimore report to Bureau	20	yes	
4883A	11/25/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
4884	11/25/49	Baltimore teletype to New York	1	yes	
4884A	11/25/49	Boston teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
4885	11/23/49	Washington Field Office letter to New York	1	no	released in full
4885A	11/23/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	

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RE: CHAMBERS - HISS
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United States Department of Justice
New York 7, New York

November 25, 1949

MEMO

Re: JAHAM
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Mr. ROBERT MORRIS of the law firm of HOCHWALD, MORRIS & RICHMOND, 40 Exchange Place, New York City, advised me on November 22nd that Colonel DEAN IVAN LAMB had come into their law offices recently and requested that they file certain papers for him in Washington, chiefly for pensions, etc. Mr. MORRIS is the New York Secretary for Congressman FREDERIC COUDERT and LAMB had stated that he was a constituent of COUDERT.

I asked Mr. MORRIS if there was anything of particular interest in these papers, and he said that he did not believe so, that it was chiefly personal background information but he was calling it to our attention as he understood that LAMB might be a witness in the current HISS trial.

ROBERT R. GRANVILLE, SA

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George Racy Jordan Assistant to the
President of the American Pacific Industrial
Corp. 70 East 45th St advised that from 1/1/43
to 6/1/44 he was stationed at the United States
Army Air Force Base, Great Falls, Montana, acting
as a liaison officer between the United States and
Russia, expediting lend lease shipments to Russia.
During an interview on 11/14/49 Jordan

stated that during the course of an examination
of material going to Russia he noticed a folder
with a notation on the outside "From Sarge" and
"From Miss" Jordan stated that this folder
contained papers. However Jordan said that he did
not read more of these papers nor 65-149-0-686
did he remember many papers
which contained in this folder.
Hence he was unable to furnish

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the contents of these papers although he was
questioned very specifically along this line.
Jordan was unable to state when he
saw this folder except that it was some time
between 11/43 and 6/14. He said that this folder
was one of about 50 similar type folders that
were contained in a black patent leather suitcase.
Full details of the interview with
Jordan can be found in 65-15175.

John Collins, SA

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86/ **TO :** SAC, New York
FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field
SUBJECT: JAHAM

DATE: November 23, 1949

ReurteI November 22, 1949, concerning JAMES
FURBUSH.

The necessity for his appearance was explained
to Mr. COSTIGAN, President of Corson & Gruman Company, who
said he would personally see that FURBUSH appeared in New
York whenever the government so desired.

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JAHAN. REURTEL THIS DATE. MRS. GLADYS TALLEY AND HUSBAND TALLEY INTERVIEWED AND STATE THAT A METAL DOOR KNOCKER WAS ATTACHED TO THE FRONT DOOR TO THE BEST OF THEIR RECOLLECTION AND HAVE NO REMEMBRANCE OF A DOOR BELL. RUC.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

November 16, 1949

NY #65-14920

MEMORANDUM

Re: ALGER HISS et al
PERJURY

Reference phone conversation of SA THOMAS SPENCER, this date.

ELLIOT INGRAM, 93 Mill River Avenue, East Rockaway, N.Y. was interviewed this date. He is presently a student at Adelphi College in Garden City, N.Y. He resides at this address with his mother, Mrs. EDWARD J. BATEMAN.

INGRAM stated that he attended the Camp Riggs O'Marlow in Chestertown, Maryland from 1933 until 1938 and was also at the camp during the summer of 1940. He stated that he remembered TIMOTHY HOBSON very well as he had known him at the camp for several summers and had been assigned the same tent with him on several occasions. However, he did not recall any leg injury on the part of Hobson. He stated that he had met Mr. and Mrs. Hiss on several occasions at the camp.

INGRAM produced correspondence between he and his mother, showing that during August 1937 he had worked on the farm of one C. BROWN across the river from this camp. He worked and lived right on the farm and only visited the camp occasionally during that time. He was unable to state if the HISSES were at the camp daily for any extended period.

William A. Johnson
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United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

November 23, 1949

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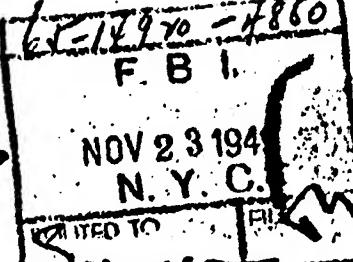
MEMO

RE: JAHAM

On the morning of November 23, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau referred to a teletype yesterday from the Washington Field Office suggesting that Mrs. LARRY DUGGAN be interviewed by this office. Mr. Fletcher advised the Bureau does not consider this interview advisable unless there is some urgent reason connected therewith. He further advised that if we come to the conclusion that Mrs. DUGGAN should be interviewed, we should first clear the interview with the Bureau.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

November 23, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

Re memorandum of SA Thomas G. Spencer in instant case dated November 22, 1949. As noted thereon, the information in Agent Spencer's memorandum was furnished to Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau at 1:45 pm on November 22.

At 3:00 pm, pursuant to additional information received from Agent Spencer, Mr. Fletcher was advised that Judge Goddard had taken the two letters in question under advisement in order that he might read them and ascertain whether there were any inconsistencies as compared with CHAMBERS' testimony. The question of any additional FBI reports was not brought up. Mr. Fletcher was advised that the Bureau would be informed of any additional developments in this matter.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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MEMO

Re: JAHAM

During the course of examination of CHAMBERS this morning, defense attorney CROSS elicited from CHAMBERS the fact that he had first been interviewed by the FBI in 1942 or 1943 and that subsequently, from then until August, 1948, he had been interviewed approximately ten to fourteen times by agents of the New York Office and, most of the time, at his office at Time, Inc. CROSS then asked for the production of FBI reports dated 5/14/42 and 6/26/45. He referred to the transcript of the first trial of the HISS Case in requesting this report. AUSA MURPHY objected strenuously to the introduction of these documents and brought out the fact that these were not statements signed by CHAMBERS, but were reports made by FBI Agents as a result of interviews with CHAMBERS. CROSS pressed the point and the Judge eventually decided that he would examine the two reports in question and, if he found any inconsistent statements, that he would, of course, be forced to allow the defense to see that portion which contained statements inconsistent with CHAMBERS present testimony.

It will be recalled that in the first trial, this matter was brought up almost in the same fashion and that Judge Samuel Kaufman requested that he be given the two letters in question. After Judge Kaufman examined these letters, ~~he agreed the defense~~ certain portions of them were shown to the defense and CHAMBERS was subsequently cross-examined in connection with these inconsistent statements.

After this motion had been dispensed with CROSS requested that all information appearing in the FBI files wherein CHAMBERS had made statements to FBI agents be made available to him. MURPHY again strenuously objected to the production of such material, indicating that it would be a physical impossibility to even check the indices and obtain such information in a reasonable period of time.

At the close of the trial at 1:00 P. M. today, it was decided that the reports of 5/14/42 and 6/26/45 be presented to Judge Goddard for his perusal and that the matter of the additional information requested by CROSS in connection with FBI reports be handled subsequent thereto. In accordance with Judge Goddard's decision, it will be necessary to produce ~~at 1:00 P. M.~~ and 6/26/45 today, the New York office letters to the Bureau dated 5/14/42

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Any decision rendered by Judge Goddard or statements made by Defense Attorney CROSS in connection with other Bureau reports will be immediately brought to the attention of ASAC A. H. Belmont.

During the argument between MURPHY and CROSS in connection with the production of these letters, CROSS stated that if the government did not produce the reports, he would subpoena the agents who talked to CHAMBERS and examine them on whatever information CHAMBERS divulged to them. It might be noted that during the course of cross-examination CHAMBERS recalled having talked to an Agent Greenwald and Jack Ward. In connection with Greenwald, it might be noted that in the letter of 5/14/42, there is a report of the interview had with CHAMBERS by SA JOHN R. PAUL and E. J. Greenwald, Jr.

THOMAS G. SPENCER, SA

The info in the
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communicated to Mr. H. P.
Fletcher of Bureau
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

November 23, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

V.M. Delany

In the opening statement of CLAUDE GROSS in this case, he indicated that the persons responsible for abstracting documents from the State Department were HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH and (X), an individual in the Far Eastern Division of the State Department. Mr. X was not further identified. Mr. MURPHY stated that he obtained some information indicating that Mr. X might possibly be JOHN CARTER VINCENT. It is to be noted that this individual was mentioned somewhat prominently in the AVERASIA case.

It is suggested, therefore, that the AVERASIA file be reviewed and a summary of the information concerning JOHN CARTER VINCENT be prepared so that it may be used in the event VINCENT'S name comes out in this trial.

T. G. SPENCER,
Special Agent

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United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

November 23, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

In connection with the jury sitting in instant case, it is to be noted that Juror No. 6, ~~ELMER HUPPERT~~, indicated he was an executive of the W. Green Electric Company, 130 Cedar Street, New York City. Mr. MURPHY indicated that he is somewhat concerned over HUPPERT and was desirous of knowing if we could find out some information about the Green Electric Company.

It is suggested that possibly a Dun and Bradstreet report might be obtained on the Green Electric Company which might contain some information concerning HUPPERT, who is he, etc.

T. G. SPENCER,
Special Agent

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United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

November 23, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAW

M. Murphy

In a conference last night in connection with the trial of this case, Mr. MURPHY stated that in a telephone conversation he recently had with RAY MURPHY of the State Department, the latter told him that the manner in which the passports were obtained in the "WEINER" passport fraud case paralleled the story told by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS as to how he obtained a passport in the name of DAVID BREEN. Mr. MURPHY recalled that this case was handled by the Bureau's New York Office and suggested that possibly there might be some information in our files that might be of some assistance to him in the prosecution of this case.

It is suggested, therefore, that the WILLIA WEINER passport file be reviewed, as well as the file 40-241. In the exhibits of the 40-241 case there appears a great deal of information concerning passport frauds in connection with Communists and Soviet agents. It is suggested that a summary of this information be prepared as soon as possible so that it can be given to Mr. MURPHY.

T. G. SPENCER,
Special Agent

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TO : SAC, New York

DATE: November 21, 1949

FROM : GUY MCGILL, SAC, Washington Field

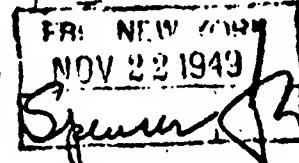
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Reurtel November 18, 1949.

There is being transmitted her with the original lease agreement dated January 18, 1938, for 2725 - P Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., between EERA & SETHURAM and GEORGE ROULAK.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

November 10, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Reference is made to memorandum of SA T. G. SPENCER of 10/31/49 (Serial 4721) which indicated WHITTAKER CHAMBERS related on 10/18/49 that in about July, 1935, he and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. ALGER HISS had talked about getting a place in the country for the rest of the summer. He and Mrs. CHAMBERS recalled reading an advertisement, probably in the Sunday edition of the "New York Times," or the "New York Herald Tribune," which listed a summer place adequate for two families near Callicoon, New York. This summer place was allegedly on the Upper Delaware River, probably just above Callicoon, and near the town of Black Eddie. (A check of maps and postal directories indicates there is no place called Black Eddie in New York State and undoubtedly what is meant is the town of Long Eddy).

CHAMBERS related that one day, he could not recall if it was a Sunday or a week day, he, with ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS, drove to the summer place, found it to be unsuitable and returned to New York City the same day. CHAMBERS described the house as "small and shabby" and he recalled that it was situated between a dirt road and a railroad track and about one-half mile from either the Delaware River or a small lake. CHAMBERS said that they talked to a man and woman who apparently owned the premises, but he could not give any description whatsoever of these individuals.

It was suggested that a review of the "New York Times" and the "New York Herald Tribune" for July 1935 be made in an effort to locate this advertisement, and if it was located that further investigation should be conducted to determine whether anyone presently residing in or near this summer place, could possibly identify ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

On November 7 and 9, 1949 the writer, at the New York Public Library, 137 West 25th Street, New York City, reviewed the classified advertising sections of the "New York Times" and "New York Herald Tribune" for the dates from June 16 to July 31, 1935.

The following advertisements were located, one of which might be the advertisement mentioned by CHAMBERS:

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1. "New York Times" 6/16 and 6/23/35. "2 ideal places for your summer vacation, lake, boats, \$125.00 season or \$20.00 week, write or call, immediate possession. M. C. Armstrong, Long Eddy, New York."
2. "New York Times" 6/23 and 6/30/35 and "New York Herald Tribune" 6/16/35. "Well furnished 5 room cottage, Delaware River, mountains, improvements, bathing, bass fishing, \$100.00. M. S. Bishop, Long Eddy, New York."
3. "New York Herald Tribune" 6/23/35. "Sullivan County - for rent for summer season, furnished apartment and bungalow, modern conveniences, near Delaware River and mountains. Mrs. W. H. Voight, Long Eddy, New York."
4. "New York Herald Tribune" 6/30/35. "2 furnished cottages, healthy location, reasonable, daily mail, vegetable garden included, christian neighbors. Jacob H. Dreher, Callicoon, New York."

It is suggested that investigation be conducted at Long Eddy, New York, and Callicoon, New York, both of which are in Sullivan County, at the places mentioned in the above set out advertisements, to determine whether anyone presently residing in or near these summer places, or the persons who placed the above advertisements, can identify photographs of ALGER HISS and PRISCILLA HISS, or WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, as those of individuals who in 1935 were seeking a summer place in Long Eddy or Callicoon, New York.

SA ROY J. BARLOGA

607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, N. Y.

November 22, 1949

Mr. Phillips Kloss
Taos, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Kloss:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of November 17, 1949.

Your interest in forwarding me the information you did is indeed appreciated. You may be assured that it will receive appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT,
Special Agent in Charge

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[Signature]

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Re

Taos, New Mexico
November 17, 1949

Federal Bureau of Investigation
New York, New York

Dear Sirs:

You undoubtedly know that, in regard to the Hiss-Chambers trial, Hiss refused to submit to a lie-detector test by the late Dr. Leonarde Keeler, the Chicago criminologist, whereas Chambers agreed to submit to the test. The inference is obvious, but the point has not been brought out at the trial. Could you not bring it to the attention of the United States attorneys?

Having worked on the sidelines with Leonarde Keeler and Chief Vollmer of the Berkeley, California, police force many years ago, I have great faith in the lie-detector. Were I myself accused of anything, I should request a lie-detector test immediately, for I know it would clear me in the eyes of the experts at least.

I consider Hiss one of our worst traitors. I think he should hang for his Yalta manipulations alone. I hope you will press this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Philip Klor

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York 7, New York

November 19, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

At the request of SA Thomas G. Spencer, I telephonically contacted the Baltimore Office and spoke with Mr. FRANK JOHNSTONE. I told Mr. JOHNSTONE that WHITTAKER-CHAMBERS had advised us that his lawyer, RICHARD CLEVELAND, was going to turn over to JOHNSTONE a birth certificate in the name of URSULA BREEN and any papers CLEVELAND had pertaining to CHAMBERS. Mr. JOHNSTONE said that he had received these papers but had not as yet forwarded them to New York City. I told him that it was imperative that all of these papers reach New York prior to the trial on Monday morning, and specifically requested that they be delivered by an Agent.

Mr. JOHNSTONE said this would be done.

ROBERT R. GRANVILLE, SA

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York 7, New York

November 18, 1949

MEMO:

Re: JAHAM
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

Re memo of SA T. G. SPENCER, 11/17/49, requesting investigation at Department of Health, New York City, concerning Birth Certificates of DAVID BREEN and EDNA ROGERS.

On November 18, 1949 the writer contacted MATTHEW BURNS, First Deputy Commissioner, Department of Health, New York City, 125 North Street, who referred the writer for the required information to CARL L. ERHARDT, Director, Bureau of Records and Statistics, Department of Health, New York City.

Mr. ERHARDT advised that the Health Department had received a subpoena from the attorneys for ALGER HISS dated November 15, 1949, requiring the bringing in Federal Court of:

1. Birth record of DAVID BREEN, born April 28, 1900, son of JOHN EDWARD BREEN;
2. Death certificate of DAVID BREEN, date of death unknown;
3. Death certificate of JOHN EDWARD BREEN who died September 26, 1908.

ERHARDT stated that the birth and death records of DAVID BREEN were located, but no record was found for the death of JOHN EDWARD BREEN.

A representative of the Department of Health appeared in Federal Court on November 17, 1949 with photostatic copies of the birth and death records of DAVID BREEN, but he was advised that he was not needed at the time, and should hold himself in readiness for a future call to appear.

ERHARDT exhibited a photostatic copy of the Birth Certificate of DAVID BREEN dated May 7, 1900, Number 7889-1900, Brooklyn. This birth report had been made by Dr. JOSEPH A. KENEY (handwriting not clear), 169 Ellobby Street (Brooklyn). It reflected that DAVID BREEN was male, white, born April 28, 1900 at 17 Clermont Avenue (Brooklyn), his father, JOHN ED BREEN, NOV 18 1949

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The father was born in the United States, was twenty-eight years old, and his occupation was a clerk. The mother was MAY BREEN whose name before marriage was —— O'NEIL, 17 Clermont Avenue, born in the United States, and twenty-three years old. The BREENS had one previous child, and on the birth of DAVID BREEN they had two living children (this included DAVID BREEN).

ERHARDT indicated that his records show that only one request had been made for a copy of the birth record of DAVID BREEN, which was made on March 16, 1935. The name of the person who made the request and received a copy of the birth certificate was not shown in the records. The only other request for this birth certificate was made by subpoena from the HISS attorneys.

ERHARDT advised that he could not make a search for the birth record of EDNA ROGERS unless more specific information was given to him such as the date of birth, names of the parents, etc.

ERHARDT exhibited a photostatic copy of Death Certificate Number 17757- Brooklyn, for DAVID BREEN which was dated October 18, 1903 and signed by Dr. JOSEPH A. KENE, 14 Greene Avenue. This certificate indicated that DAVID BREEN, white, male, died at 17 Clermont Avenue (Brooklyn) at the age of three years, six months. He was born in Brooklyn and died in a private home. His father, JOHN ED BREEN, was born in the United States. His mother's maiden name was MARY O'NEILL, and she was born in Brooklyn. The doctor attended the deceased on October 17 and 18, 1903. DAVID BREEN died on October 18, 1903 at about 1:00 A. M. The cause was diphtheria (duration six days), and contributing cause was heart failure.

ROY L. BARLOGA, SA

Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DATE: NOV. 17, 1949

TO :

FROM :

SUBJECT: Hiss caseMEMORANDUM

The Hiss attorneys have subpoenaed the birth record of David Breen from the New York City Health Department.

It would appear that this is in connection with the passport application of Whittaker Chambers in the name of David Breen, which the defense have subpoenaed and which they have seen.

Mr. Murphy requests that investigation be made at the Department of Health in order to locate this birth certificate and copy therefrom all pertinent information. An effort should also be made to determine what, if any requests were made, and by whom, for a copy or copies of the birth certificate of David Breen.

According to the passport application filed by Chambers, he indicated that he, as David Breen, was born in New York City April 28, 1900, and his father's name was John Edward Breen, born at Rutland, Vermont, and died September 26, 1908; that David Breen was married April 3, 1929. It is requested that the information appearing on this birth certificate be obtained.

In the passport application of David Breen it is indicated that Breen's wife's name was Edna Rogers. It is requested that a search of the Board of Health records be made to determine, if possible, the location of a birth certificate in the name of Edna Rogers, it being assumed that she was born somewhere between 1900 and 1910. Mr. Murphy requests that every effort be made to obtain the Edna Rogers birth certificate and that, if this appears to be an unsurmountable task, he be so advised.

T.G.S.

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Matthew Breen
Edgar Clegg
John Ryan

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

November 17, 1949

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RE: JAHAM

At 1:45 pm on November 17, 1949, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau was advised that the jury for the HISS trial had been picked and it consisted of 8 women and 4 men. The alternates have not yet been picked. The judge is HENRY W. GODDARD. (62)

Mr. Fletcher was advised that the former maid, EDITH, watched people coming out of the elevators on the 13th floor and immediately and positively picked out PRISCILLA HISS. She partially identified ALGER in that he resembled the man she recalled, but her identification was not positive as to him.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

cc - Asst. Dir. E. J. Connelley

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United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

November 17, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

At 3:50 pm today, I advised Mr. H. B. Fletcher that two alternate jurors had been selected this afternoon and that the trial will commence tomorrow morning at 10:30 with both sides opening, and that the government would present more or less routine witnesses such as the foreman of the Grand Jury which returned the indictment and utility company representatives who could testify to the various residences of HISS.

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cc - Asst. Dir. E. J. Connelley

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United States Department of Justice
New York, New York

November 17, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

On the afternoon of November 16, Mr. Donald Parsons of the Bureau Laboratory called relative to our teletype of November 14th, wherein we requested the Laboratory to furnish us with the dates of all laboratory reports showing examination of all typewriting specimens obtained and examined which are dated during the year 1937 and for the first four months of 1938. Mr. Parsons advised that this would entail a rather length project and he wanted to be sure that the Laboratory understood that we wanted what we asked for in the teletype.

I advised him that the defense attorneys in one of their motions had stated that the FBI during its investigation interviewed and obtained typewritten documents from between 500 and 1,000 persons, which documents had not been returned by the Bureau to the persons interviewed. Further, the defense contended that some of these documents might be identified as having been written on a Corona portable typewriter and if the defense was able to examine such documents, it would enable the defense to more exactly determine the date when HISS got rid of the Woodstock typewriter inasmuch as it was supplanted by the Corona portable typewriter. I advised Mr. Parsons that during the forthcoming trial it may be that the defense will renew its request for such documents; therefore, we desire to be in a position to know what documents the Laboratory had examined and if the documents had been returned to the persons supplying them.

Mr. Parsons advised that the Laboratory would get to work on this at once and furnish us the desired information.

A. H. BELMONT
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MR. WATSON
MR. WOHL
CHIEF CLERK
PROPERTY ALERER
TRAINING UNIT

JAHAM, REBATEL NOVEMBER FIFTEENTH REGARDING TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY OF EDITH MURRAY TO VIEW ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS. EDITH DEPARTED BALTIMORE TO DAY ON SECOND SECTION OF PRR TRAIN NUMBER ONE EIGHTEEN WHICH WAS FORTY MINUTES LATE, LEAVING BALTIMORE AT SIX TWENTY AM INSTEAD OF FIVE FORTY AM. SHE WILL ARRIVE PENNSYLVANIA STATION, NYC. ABOUT NINE FORTY FIVE OR TEN AM INSTEAD OF NINE FIFTEEN AM. DESCRIPTION OF EDITH AS SET OUT INREFTEL EXCEPT INSTEAD OF WEARING A CRYSTAL CRYSTALUM ON HER COAT SHE WILL BE CARRYING SMALL FELT PENNANT, BALTIMORE, MD. IN WHITE LETTERING ON RED BACKGROUND. EDITH IS RIDING IN COACH W EIGHTEEN THREE CARS FROM HEAD END OF TRAIN AND WILL AWAIT CONTACT OF NY AGENTS ON PLATFORM ALONGSIDE ABOVE COACH.

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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
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607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York 7, N. Y.

November 17, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

At 4:40 p.m. on November 16, 1949, the writer telephonically contacted Supervisor Tracy of the Newark Division and requested the leads be expedited which were set forth in New York teletype to Newark dated November 15. Mr. Tracy advised that arrangements had been made which would produce the desired information concerning D. SHERMAN of the Plaza Hotel, Camden, New Jersey, by the morning of November 17.

At 9:30 a.m. on November 17, the writer telephonically contacted ASAC Kaack of the Newark Office and requested that the investigation at Camden be expedited. Mr. Kaack advised that he would personally follow the matter, and have this office telephonically advised of the results obtained.

T. J. McANDREWS,
Special Agent

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

FROM : SAC, BALTIMORE

SUBJECT: JAHAM
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE (R); I.S. (R)

DATE: 11/15/49

There is enclosed to the NYO a copy of a memorandum from PH dated 11/14/49, together with a map of Montgomery County, Pa., which was forwarded to BA by PH in referenced memo.

Inasmuch as Mr. CHAMBERS will be in NYC commencing Nov. 16, and the Ba Office does not contemplate seeing him within the near future, the NYO is requested to exhibit the map to CHAMBERS as requested by PH and advise the PH Office of the results so that they may be assisted in their search for the tourist house in the vicinity of Center Square, Pa.

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cc: PH

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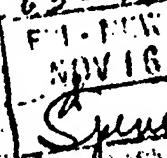
Reference is made to Baltimore teletype to the Bureau, New York, and Philadelphia dated November 2, 1949.

Efforts to locate the tourist house at which ALGER HISS and WHITTAKER CHAMBERS remained overnight on the Saturday night before Easter, 1934 or 1935, have been fruitless.

A detailed map of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, is being forwarded with this letter for the assistance of the Baltimore Office in attempting to refresh WHITTAKER CHAMBERS' recollection of the tourist house on Route 202 in the vicinity of Center Square, Pennsylvania. The map has inked notations of landmarks, many of which were present during the period 1934-35. The distances north and south of Center Square of these landmarks are approximated. The notation on the map regarding Strassburger's Estate indicates that the estate is bordered by a white stone wall approximately ten feet in height and approximately two-tenths of a mile in length. This wall parallels Route 202 on the west or left side facing north and is a little more than one mile north of Center Square. The notation regarding William Penn Inn was entered on the map in that it is a landmark that might easily refresh CHAMBERS' recollection since the Inn was located at the same site approximately four miles north of Center Square on the west or left side facing north since approximately 1925. The Gwynned Inn is indicated on the map as the Sunset Inn, by which name it was known in 1934-35.

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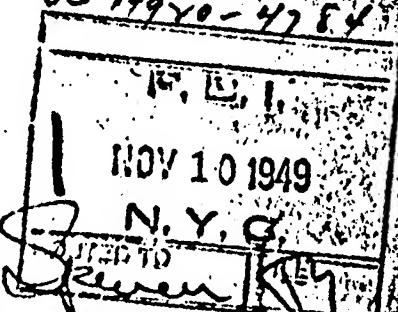
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JAHAM. REFERENCE SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMARY REPORT SA THOMAS G. SPENCER,
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STENOGRAPHER M. A. HANSEN, WFO, IS LISTED AS POSSIBLE WITNESS IN
FORTHCOMING RXX TRIAL OF THIS MATTER IN NYC. HANSEN ON TRANSFER TO
LOS ANGELES AND DUE TO LEAVE NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE, NEXT. REQUEST YOU
CONTACT USA TO DETERMINE POSSIBILITY THAT HANSEN WILL BE CALLED AS
WITNESS IN ORDER THAT APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR POSSIBLE DELAY
IN TRANSFER MAY BE MADE BY THIS OFFICE.

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JAHM, PERJURY, ESP-R. NEW YORK OFFICE HAS REQUESTED THAT EFFORTS BE MADE TO LOCATE FRIENDS OF DALE LIEBER WHO MAY HAVE VISITED LIEBER'S COTTAGE AT SMITHTOWN, N.Y. IN SUMMER THIRTYFIVE, WHERE CHAMBERS AND WIFE STAYED AND WERE VISITED BY ALGER HISS AND HIS WIFE. AN EMPLOYEE OF LIEBER IN NYC, FROM JAN. TO JULY THIRTYFIVE WAS JOYCE MAUPIN, LATER KNOWN AS JOYCE HESSER. MY REQUESTS THAT MAUPIN BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED. IF THERE IS A REASON THAT THIS SHOULD NOT BE DONE, FOR INFO AS TO LIEBER'S CLOSE MALE AND FEMALE FRIENDS WHO MIGHT HAVE VISITED LIEBER'S COTTAGE AT SMITHTOWN, WHETHER MAUPIN VISITED THIS COTTAGE AND IF SO WHO SHE SAW THERE, AND WHETHER MAUPIN KNEW MRS. HOLLY WEISS, A PIANIST, AS A GIRLFRIEND OF LIEBER IN THIRTYFIVE. IF SHE KNEW WEISS, INFO SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM MAUPIN WHICH WOULD HELP IDENTIFY AND LOCATE HISS. RESULTS SHOULD BE FURNISHED MY OFFICE BY TELETYPE. REFER TO SEATTLE LETTER OF MAY TWENTYFIVE, LAST, WHICH REFLECTS HESSER PRESENTLY RESIDING SIXTEEN LAUREL ST. WORCESTER, MASS. (MHD)

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cc: New York (AMSD)

(Request to locate HESSER received from Portland by teletype 11/8/49)

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AID TO HISS IN CAPITAL DISCLOSED

Informant Says State
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BY WILLARD EDWARDS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7—Secret
State Department aid for Alger Hiss
in preparing a defense at a second
trial for perjury was disclosed by a
highly qualified informant today.

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SAY HISS AIDED BY STATE DEPARTMENT

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Attorneys for the former top-ranking State Department official have been given free access to many of the files from which he is alleged to have stolen documents for a Soviet spy.

Hiss is scheduled to go to trial Nov. 17 on charges of swearing falsely to a grand jury last December when he denied peddling the confidential papers to Whittaker Chambers, confessed agent for the Kremlin.

His first trial ended in a jury disagreement last July with eight of 12 jurors voting for a guilty verdict.

Meet Obstacles

In some sections of the State Department, it was learned, Hiss' legal staff encountered obstacles. The Passport Bureau refused to permit examination of its papers and attorney Claude B. Cross obtained a court order which the government today asked Federal Judge William Bondy in New York to quash. Judge Bondy took the petition under advisement.

The Hiss lawyers, it was said, were even permitted to examine confidential files which have been banned to Congressional investigators by a Presidential gag order. They were seeking evidence, it was said, not only to buttress Hiss' defense, but to discredit government witnesses against him.

Work with Counsel

Hiss, free under \$5000 bond, obtained legal permission some time ago to leave the New York court's jurisdiction and come to Washington to work with attorneys in shaping a "new line of defense."

Hiss has powerful friends in Washington, including State Secretary Acheson, under whom he once served. According to testimony of former Assistant Secretary A. A. Berle, the Acheson-Hiss group in the State Department was known as the "pro-Russian" clique.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK
 FROM : SAC, BOSTON
 SUBJECT: JAHAM
 PERJURY
 ESPIONAGE - R

Attention: Supervisor THOMAS McANDREWS RAULT

DATE: November 8, 1949

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Reference is made to the telephone call from your office to Assistant Special Agent in Charge WILLIAM J. WEST on the morning of November 8 last.

for your confidential information is

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 he has voluntarily furnished information to the Boston Division concerning Communist activities which have come to his attention as

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Letter to SAC, New York
From SAC, Boston
November 8, 1949

It can be further noted that, beyond the limited reporting of the instant case in the Boston Herald, the Boston informant is not acquainted with any of the details of the instant matter.

He was advised, however, that any information voluntarily furnished him by anyone of such a nature would be of interest to this Bureau should he care to report it. There is every indication that he would so report.

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. A

November 9, 1949

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RE: JAHAM
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

On November 3, 1949 Doctor PAUL W. MASSING was interviewed by Special Agent John W. O'Mara and the writer. He advised that during the previous week the head of the Sociology Department at Rutgers University and his superior, one Mr. RILEY, had contacted and advised him that an attorney by the name of VAN MERON (Phonetic) had contacted RILEY and wanted to interview Doctor MASSING since he understood that Doctor MASSING was separated from his wife, HEDE MASSING, who is to be a witness in the coming trial of ALGER HISS. VAN MERON advised RILEY that he wanted to find out from Doctor MASSING some information concerning HEDE MASSING'S citizenship status, also something concerning her reliability.

Doctor WASSING told Mr. RILEY that he did not wish to talk to VAN MERON and that so far as he knew Mrs. WASSING'S citizenship status was legally sound and that anything she said was absolutely reliable.

Doctor WASSING has not heard from VAN MERON since the contact through RILEY.

VAN VERON is probably VAN WERTON, who is an attorney in the law firm of McLean, who has been handling the bulk of the preparation for the defense in connection with the coming trial.

On November 7, 1949 HEDE MASSING advised the writer that she had on the morning of November 7, 1949 received a call from a girl named HELGA CONROY, who formerly worked with her at the Shipyard in Hoboken, New Jersey during the war. HEDE was HELGA'S boss. They were very friendly. HELGA advised HEDE that she had been contacted through an attorney friend of hers named SALINE (Phonetic), who was speaking for an attorney, CLAYTON (Phonetic), who represented the law firm of Hutton and Hinch (Phonetic). HELGA was to be interviewed concerning her knowledge of HEDE MASSING. She called HEDE immediately after she

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agreed to be interviewed, which was to be on November 8, 1949.

HEDE stated that she would call the writer just as soon as HELGA was interviewed and has advised her of the results of the interview.

WILLIAM J. MC CARTHY, JR., SA

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MR. BELMONT
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FROM : SA A. J. TUOHY
SUBJECT : JAHAM

DATE: November 8, 1949

This morning, Supervisor West of the Boston Office called and ^{PROPERTY CLERK} put SA Francis D. O'Brien on the phone. O'Brien advised that relative to ^{WIRELESS UNIT} York inquiry, ^{considered members of a prominent}

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A detailed letter is being forwarded to New York today on this matter.

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